

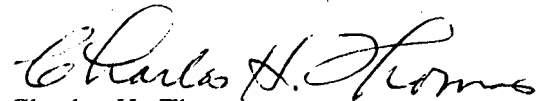
REMARKS

In the Official Action the Examiner noted that Claim 2 was incomplete because the claim upon which it depended was cancelled by the Examiner in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1214.06. Accordingly, Applicant has amended Claim 2 so that it is now in independent form. As amended herein Claim 2 includes all of the limitations of original Claim 1, which is now cancelled.

Applicant believes that all of the claims remaining in the application are now allowable and complete, as indicated by the decision of the Board of Appeal dated October 31, 2002. Applicant therefore respectfully requests allowance of all claims remaining in the application and passage of the application to issue in due course.

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